Illuminating the Developing World

Rosenfeld Symposium:

The Next Generation of Energy Efficiency

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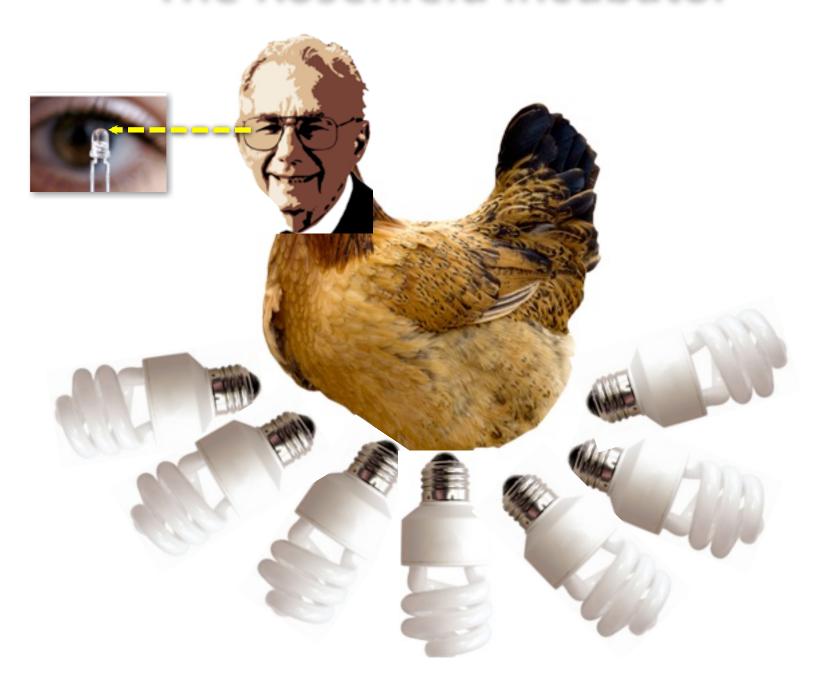


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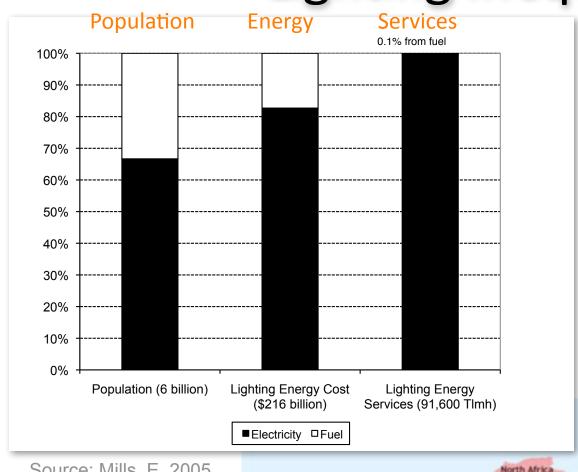
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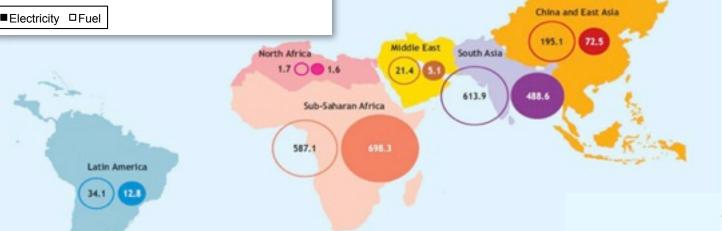


Lighting Inequities



- 1.5 billion people
- \$40 billion in fuel
- 0.01% of global services
- 190 MTCO2 = 30M cars

Source: Mills, E. 2005. "The Specter of Fuel-Based Lighting," *Science* 308:1263-1264



The human dimension











Not only household uses....



Tin lantern: \$0.20 to buy \$50/year to operate





Kenya: Tin lamp shop (Kibera)

Flames v. LEDs: like night & day

Flame



LED





Tanzania: street vendor (Dar es Salaam)

User-centered design



Lab testing







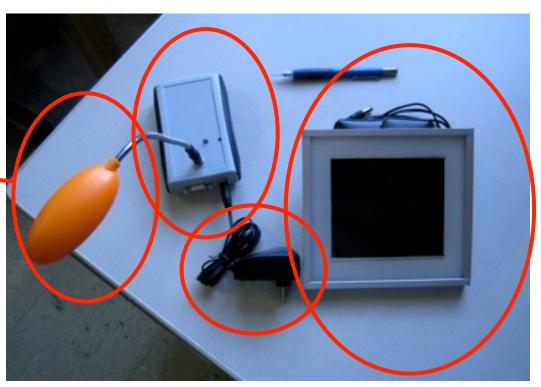


Simple technology; Complex systems

LED or CFL



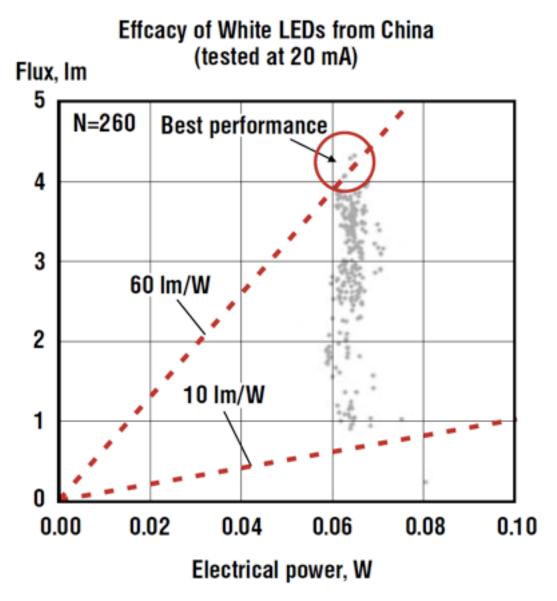
Battery & Circuitry



Switches, Housing, Wires, Connectors, etc.

Power Source (solar, AC, dynamo)

Many products perform badly in the lab.....



Source: Lumina Project (LBNL/HSU)

... and many fail completely in the field



End users report failure due to:

- LED quality
- Water leakage
- Breakage
- Short battery life
- Counterfeit

→ Market Spoiling







Market tests

- Offered viable products, based on testing
- Used existing market & sales channels
- Set real world prices (no subsidy)
- 50 systems sold to homes & businesses



→ No buyers took offer For 100% refund

Night vendor test (26 shops)



"The LED is safer than kerosene...

My customers have increased...

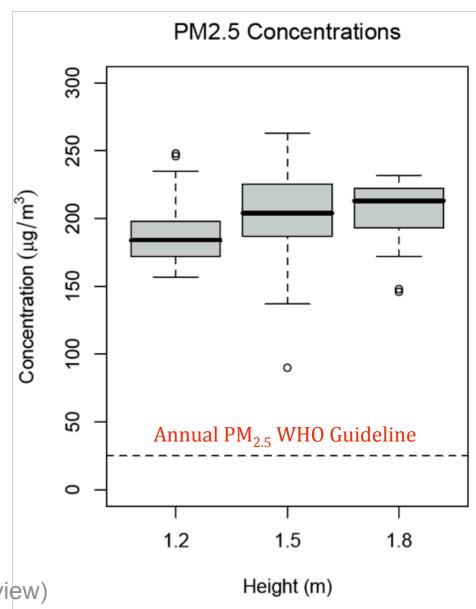
My revenue has increased..."

- MJ



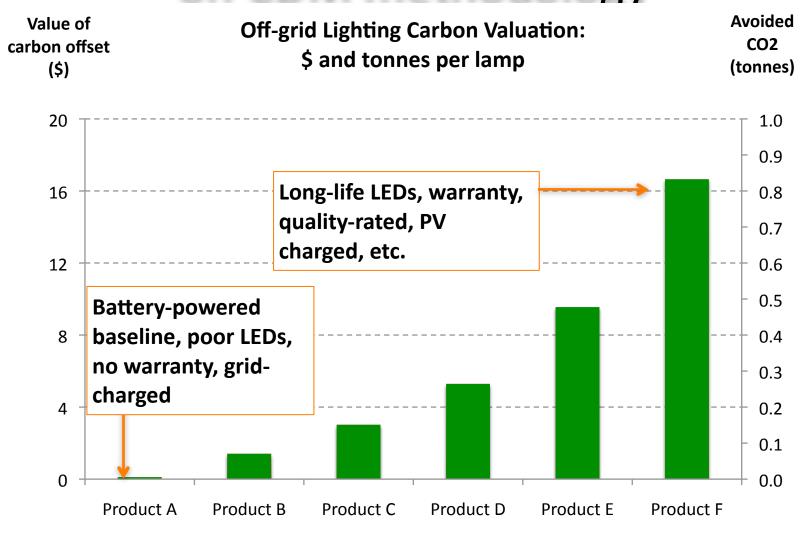
Indoor particulate concentrations





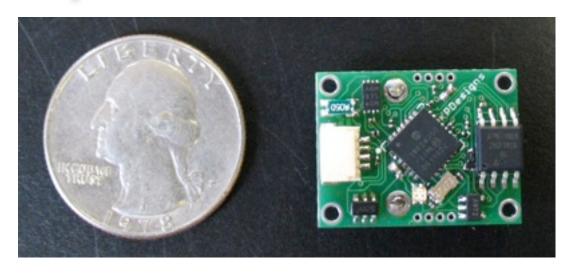
Source: Poppendieck, et al. 2009 (in review)

Recommendations to UNFCCC on CDM methodology

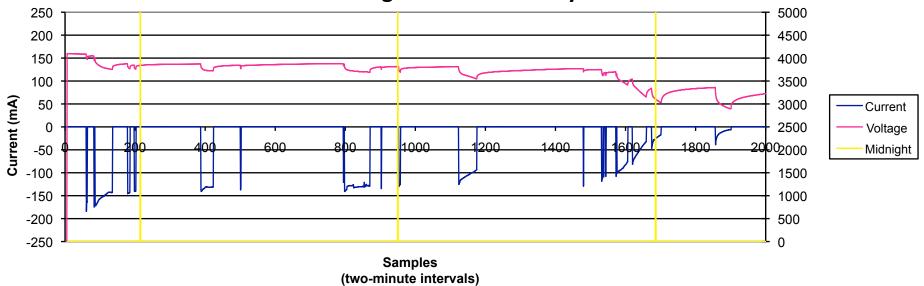


Source: Lumina Project (draft)

Development of micro data logger



Measured LED Lantern Usage over a Three-day Period: Africa



Source: Lumina Project (LBNL/HSU)

Scale-up: Lighting Africa (\$12M) DOE: Climate REDI / SLED (\$50M)

- More research
- Product testing
- Product rating/labeling
- Market data
- Business plan competitions
- Manufacturer incentives
- Carbon markets
- Industry association





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